Electronoic Exchanges in Lucknow

1744. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of old telephone exchanges in Lucknow converted into electronic exchanges so far and number of remaining old telephone exchanges, district-wise;

(b) the plans to convert the remaining old telephone exchanges into electronic exchanges and by when the same are to be completed;

(c) whether Government plan to increase the capacity of telephone exchangs in Lucknow city; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) In Lucknow District eleven old telephone exchanges have been converted into Electronic exchanges so far. Two old exchanges are yet to be converted.

(b) These old exchanges are planned to be converted into electronic exchnages during 1996-97 and 1997-98.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Details are given in the Statement.

Statement

Development plan for Lucknow City

Sl.No.	Name of Exchange	Net capacity by which to be increased during 1996-97 & 1997-98.
1.	Alambagh	2000 Line (8k-10k)
2.	Rajajipuram	2000 Lines (3k-5k)
3.	T.P. Nagar	1000 Lines (3k-4k)
4.	Kaiserbagh	2000 Lines (7k-9k)
5.	Bhadewan	2000 Lines (6k-8k)
6.	Jankipuram	1000 Lines (1k-2k)
7.	Indira Nagar	2000 Lines (2k-4k)
8.	Mahanagar	1000 Lines (13k-14k)
9.	Gomti Nagar	5000 Lines (5k-10k)

Improving Postal Facilities in Rural Areas

1745. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any programme to improve the postal facilities in the rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details of programme drawn up by Government for Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the State-wise target fixed for the financial year 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Out of a total network of 1,52,792 Post Offices in the country, 1,36,082 Post Offices are functioning in the rural areas which constitute 89% of the total Post Offices in the country. Augmentation and improvement of postal facilities is a continuous process. Post Offices are opened progressively under Annual Plan Schemes subject to fulfilment of norms, availability of resources and allocations of the targets.

(b) During the 8th Five Year Plan, so far 1312 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices have been sanctioned in rural areas. Besides, 497 Panchayat Sanchar Seva Kendras have also been opened to provide basic postal facilities at Gram Panchayat Villages which do not have Post Office facility at present.

Plan target & achievement for opening of Post Offices under 8th Five Year Plan are as follows:—

Year	Target		Achievements	
	EDBOs	DSOs	EDBOs	DSOs
1992-93	600	100	635	116
1993-94	600	100	667	115
1994-95	80	150	4	31
1995-96	80	150	4	53
1996-97	80	150	2 (Till date)	20
Total:	1440	650	1312	335

EDSOs: Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices.
DSOs: Departmental Sub-Post Offices.